

Spill Prevention, Preparedness and Response Program Summary 2005 – 2007 Program Plan

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Activity What We Do	Desired Results What We Want To Achieve	Strategies How We Will Do It	Accountability Measures How We Will Measure Success
Prevent oil spills from vessels and oil handling facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The number and volume of oil spills is reduced. There are fewer spills from oil transfer operations. Fewer vessels have "incidents" that can lead to spills. The rescue tug assists vessels in distress. Intentional waste oil discharges from vessels are eliminated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct inspections on regulated vessels and facilities. Review & approve facility oil spill prevention plans. Conduct oil transfer inspections. Manage the Neah Bay rescue tug. Investigate the causes of spills. Promote Best Achievable Protection (BAP) for vessels. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of oil spills that enter surface waters in the range of 25 to 10,000 gallons. Volume of oil that enters the state's surface waters from spills in the range of 25 to 10,000 gallons. Percent of large vessels entering state waters that have spills and casualties. Number of inspections of higher risk commercial vessels. Percent of tank vessels enrolled in the Voluntary BAP and Exceptional Compliance (ECOPRO) programs. Complete study of the tanker escort system, and the Columbia River risk assessment.
Prepare for Aggressive Response to Oil and Hazardous Material Incidents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contingency plan-holders are prepared to mount aggressive responses to oil spills. Readiness is verified through planned and unannounced drills. The agency has the best major incident management team (IMAT) in nation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review & approve oil spill contingency plans and Primary Response Contractors (PRCs). Evaluate spill plans using drills, and "lessons learned" from oil spills. Improve spill response management through Ecology IMAT team training. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of Geographic Response Plans (GRPs) developed and updated. Percent of agency personnel with current IMAT training. Adopt Oil Spill Contingency Planning and Oil Transfer rules. Update the Northwest Area Contingency Plan.

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Rapidly respond to and clean-up oil and hazardous material spills.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public health & safety, and the environment are protected through rapid and effective response actions. The state's spill response capability is enhanced. Drug labs are removed and disposed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Triage, respond to, and clean-up 4,000 oil & hazardous material spills annually. Deliver response services 24 hours/day from 5 field offices. Clean-up methamphetamine drug labs. Issue appropriate enforcement actions and support environmental crime investigations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Percent of spills responded to within 24 hours. Percent of drug labs "batched" by local government for removal. Percent of oil spills of 25 gallons or more from regulated vessels and facilities that receive a field response.
Restore public natural resources damaged by oil spills.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High priority wildlife habitat is restored or protected. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess Natural Resource Damages (NRDA) on oil spills. Apply funds from the Coastal Protection Fund NRDA account to restore or protect habitat. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Value of Natural Resource restoration or protection projects initiated. Number of Natural Resource Damage Assessments issued.
Communicate effectively and deliver services efficiently.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relationship with Coast Guard continues to mature and partnership opportunities expand. Effective communication is established with the Oil Spill Adv. Council. Quality public information is immediately provided during major incidents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance partnerships with all stakeholders. Further program goals through education and outreach. Establish communication tools and procedures for major incidents. Develop electronic tools for routine monitoring of program effectiveness. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turn-around time for drill evaluations, inspection reports, and plan reviews. Number and quality of outreach materials. Implementation of 10 Coast Guard partnership protocols.